Kids Talk

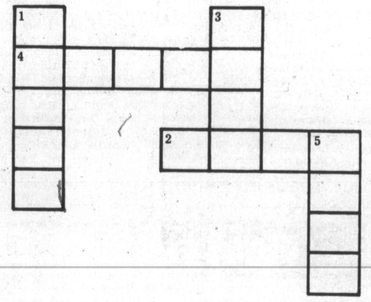
Do you know who this is?

He was a famous conductor for the National Orchestra in Washington, D.C. His aunt is the legendary opera singer, Marian Anderson. In 1964 he won first prize in the Dmitri Mitropoulos International Conductors' Competition. Afterwards, he was chosen as assistant conductor to Leonard Bernstein for the 1955-66 season of the New York Philharmonic. In 1969, he made his European debut with Rotterdam Philharmonic in Holland. He has made guest appearances with the New York Philharmonic, The Philadelphia Orchestra, the Chicago Symphony, Los Angeles Philharmonic, Boston Symphony and Israel Philharmonic. He was also acclaimed as a musicologist, composer and lecturer.

James DePriest

Puzzling???

By Collette Fisher



ACROSS
2. Joseph H. Dickinson, a black scientist who invented the player _____
4. A piece of music sung is called _____

DOWN
1. Porgy & Bess was a famous black _____
3. A performance by one person
5. _____ started in Washington, D.C.

ANSWERS

ACROSS
2. piano
4. song

DOWN
1. opera
3. song
5. ragtime

ON THE SOAP BOX
ILC RAP/C

By Kenni Nazombe

ILC is the place for me till 1993.
Some people may call me nerd,
but tell them to take that word
and put it in a sentence.

They get in just one phrase.
ILC is the place for me.

C-C-Can you imagine is our show
and the only people on it are only pros.

Mr. C. and Ms. Bell create the mind
but they don't sell any rhymes.
They've tried their best but after this
they've gonna need a rest.

This is Kool Kenni
and the ILC crew
saying this is the best
Ideal Learning Center.

Editor's Note: Kenni Nazombe is a 7th grader, who assists the teachers at Learning Is Fun Time (a summer camp). This is a part of the *Ideal Learning Center*.
He tutors the students in mathematics and English. Last week's Kids Talk featured him in an article on the camp. He is a straight A student.

This page has been edited by Misty Brown and Collette Fisher.

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Attn: KIDS TALK

SING SANG SONG

By Misty Brown

Have you ever traveled in a car and had nothing to do but to twiddle your thumbs and point at road signs?

How about making up an **Alphabet Singsangsong** to keep the fun rolling along.

It is very important to start each sentence with the appropriate letter of the alphabet. You can make up words or create no-nonsense rhymes.

See if you can finish this **Alphabet Singsangsong** or make up some creative verses.

Adventures today.
Be my new playmate.
Come out and play.
Do-Da-Do-De.
Eureka.
Fun-Fun-Friend.
Going to the go-go for a groovey good-to-go glow
H.....?

Photo by Nick Crettier

ZHALISA CLARKE, seven-years-old, of Washington, D.C., practices for a concert during the Suzuki Institute at the Catholic University of America's School of Music. The suzuki method encourages children to develop musical talent by imitating, repeating and experimenting with sounds. This is the way speaking is learned.

Ever wonder about it?

Tongue Twister

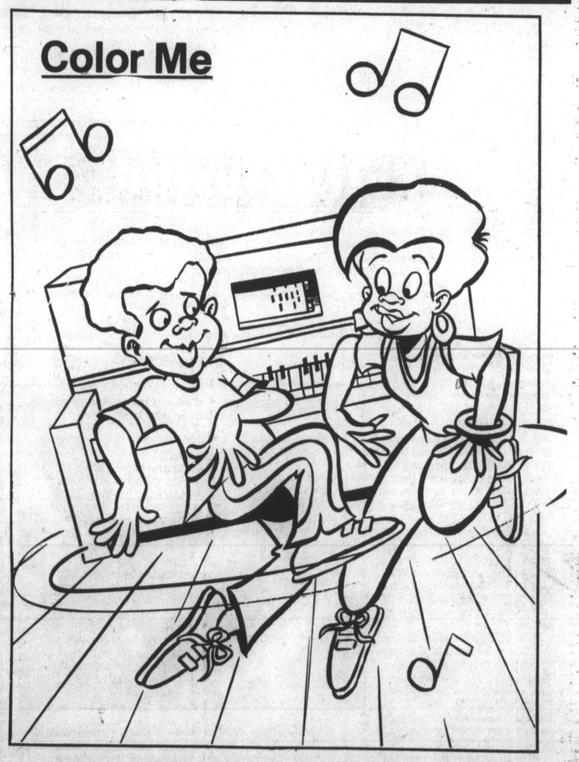
If a tot was taught
to talk ere the tot could totter,
Ought the tot to be taught to say aught,
Or naught,
Or what ought the tot to be taught.

A tooter who tooted the flute

tried to tutor two tooters to toot.
Said the two to the tutor,
"Is it harder to toot
Or to tutor two tutors to toot?"

Excerpted from Tongue Twisters and Tricky Tanglers by Duncan Emrich

Color Me



THE PLAYER PIANO is the forerunner of the modern-day piano. It was invented by Joseph H. Dickinson. During the early 1900s, it was played for all occasions. When the invention of the roll of perforated sheet music which automatically moved the player mechanisms in a forward or backwards position to play a song.

Cartoon by James Venable

IN THE STARS / STRICTLY PERSONAL

CANCER (June 21-July 22): A change of residence is indicated for some. For others, increased travel can be expected. Make plans for the future. A goal you set now is sure to succeed. This cosmic period for you shows little or no movement - one way or the other. The Sun is now in the sign of Cancer and as a result, should add momentum to any goals or tasks you've had in mind.

LEO (July 23-August 22): Stop being so uptight about situations which are beyond your control. Relax and roll with the punches. Success will come easier. Both Saturday and Sunday are slated as "No-no" days for anything important. So if you feel you must celebrate, do so with little caution for best results.

VIRGO (August 23-September 22): Clean up surroundings. Throw away unwanted and unused items. You will be greatly surprised at your increased efficiency when you beeome better organized. Just after Thursday, you will have the time and wherewithal to accomplish the things you need to get done. After then, you may expect to meet with some strong opposition.

LIBRA (September 23-October 20): The last several days at the very start of this past week may have seen you under some very heavy clouds. By the time of this reading you might still be experiencing some fall-out. Look forward to Sunday and Monday - they will be your best days out of the lot. You will be attracting the opposite sex that is older than you; age is wisdom.

SCORPIO (October 21-November 21): If ever a streak of bad luck was to trounce on someone, it may definitely be you this week if you haven't prepared yourself. Only after Saturday afternoon will you get the chance to turn things around in your favor. Any discipline related to healing the mind will be beneficial to you and others.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22-December 21): Hold steady now to what you have and try not to make use of it - either before the weekend or right after it. For all intent and purposes, the weekend is marked as the pits for you with a capital "P." So don't expect much this time around. Take a close look at your needs and don't be selfish.

CAPRICORN (December 22-January 20): Stay positive and think of what needs to come out of your life. You must maintain your freedom of action in whatever you are trying to gain. This is not the time for marriage. Both Thursday and Friday are favored as good days to push you' plans and schemes. Saturday itself may prove to be a mixed bag day.

AQUARIUS (January 21-February 19): Thursday into Friday could be a little difficult if you haven't prepared for it. Late Saturday going into Sunday should see a much better turn around in just about everything you do. It relates to career changes. Your ruler will be doing good things for your sign. Be prepared for the changes that are coming to you.

PISCES (February 20-March 20): Just make sure you are headed in the direction of your personal goals. Many of you work in institutions dealing with the needy; keep up the good work and stay positive. This Thursday as well as Tuesday of next week are most likely to be the best days for you.

ARIES (March 21-April 20): Keep your temper down to earth so that the changes you need to make will have a good foundation, both mentally and physically. Good changes are on the way - be ready. Buy less and cut back on your travel. Stay positive. This week for the most part is smooth sailing. Around Tuesday, try not to let worry get the best of you.

TAURUS (April 21-May 20): Artistic activity can be well expressed; mediate on beautifying your immediate surroundings. Financial activities are also favorable. Consider this week a sweep of exceptional good luck. Act with boldness to get equal results. Cosmically, the wind of success and assistance is at your back all the way through next Tuesday.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You will be tested in areas which you just may need help. Be careful with the law; if you enjoy speeding, do not take chances. Think before you react in whatever you may be doing. This is a very good period to have plans in place for the weekend. The reason is very simple - the stars are in your favor!

Lonesome Hearts

Handsome male, early 30's, administrative assistant, Department of Corrections, MD, would like to meet single, sincere, religious young lady, 18-36 for friendship. For more, write to CC 59.

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53-year-old Christian, sincere lady, would like to meet interesting gentleman in late 50's who likes church and nice fun. Write to CC 60.

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Passionate male, 44, 6', would like to meet heavy-set, happy lady, 36-46 who likes to be pampered. No phonies. If possible, send photo and phone number with first letter. CC 61.

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Lonely, caring lady, 60's, would like to meet lonely, caring gentleman, 65-70 for meaningful, sharing relationship and companionship. No drug or alcohol users. CC 62.

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Single,black gentleman, 38, 6'2", sensitive and considerate, seeking very lonely, full-figured lady, 35-45 who weighs from 230 to 350 pounds, quiet person and living in Baltimore, MD area. For more, write to CC 63.

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Middleaged male, employed, churchgoer and sincere would like to meet sincere female, 50, in the North Carolina area. For more, write to CC 54.

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Loving, Christian black female, 40, 5'11", lives life in a varied fashion - sharing and exploring avenues of others as well. I like being independent and dependent. Interested in meeting a male companion and friend, preferably in Richmond, VA area who is open, caring, loving and willing to accept me as I am. If possible, send telephone number in first letter. CC 55.

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Lonely, Christian lady, 78-year-old retired teacher, would like to meet Christian gentleman, minister or deacon for friendship in Virginia. For more, write to CC 56.

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Professionally employed gentleman, 45, 5' 10", 155 pounds, thoughtful,loving and understanding, would like to meet Virginia lady for meaningful relationship, possible marriage. CC 57.

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42-year-old black female, professional, would like to meet an honest, caring, down-to-earth gentleman for a meaningful relationship. CC 58.

STRICTLY PERSONAL

Lonesome Hearts
Pen Pals
Searching

To have a notice published in the Strictly Personal section, write the message you want printed clearly in the space below. Enclose five dollars ($5.00), check or money order for 25-word notice. Additional words will cost 20 cents each.

I would like my Strictly Personal notice to read:

_____
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To answer a Lonesome Hearts notice, enclose a check or money order for $1.00 for each letter you wish to have forwarded. Be sure to include the box number of the person you wish to contact. All letters, queries and notices should be sent to:

Strictly Personal
Box 1857
Baltimore, Md. 21201

Pen Pals

Sincere, honest and intellectual lady (engineer) would like to meet secure and understanding gentleman, 45-55 who does not over indulge nor use drugs. If possible, send photo with first letter. Write to AKT, Post Office Box 559, Shika, Zaria, Nigeria.

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"Yes,I am incarcerated right now, but for a traffic violation, not a felony. I'm doing 90 days, not 90 years. What we start now, we can continue when I leave here." For more information, I am 46-year-old restaurant manager, tall, dark and slim. would like to meet interested females, 36-62. I need a break, give me one. Robert Johnson, 521 East Eager Street, Baltimore, MD 21202.

Sincere gentleman would like to correspond with tall, sincere females, 6' or over, 190-200 who are open-minded and live in the Baltimore-Washington area. Write to: Larry Roberts, 1605 Appleton Street, Baltimore, MD 21217.

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Black male, 38, confined, seeks friendship through correspondence. Thomas Tyson, Box 57, Marion, OH 43302.

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29-year-old incarcerated male seeks friendship through correspondence. Theodore Jackson, 200824, P. O. Box 511, Orient, OH 43216.

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Lonely confined male seeks correspondence from all caring people. Verlon C. James, P. O. Box 57, Marion, OH 43302.

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33-year-old confined male seeks friendship through correspondence. Cleo Jones, 159-388, Post Office Box 45699, Lucasville, OH 45699-0001.

Tell it to Jan

If you have a problem you feel our counselor Jan might be able to help you with, why not write to her. All letters will be answered in this column.
Write: Tell it to Jan, AFRO-AMERICAN, P.O. Box 1857, Baltimore, Md. 21201.

Dear Jan:
I have been married for 14 months and my husband has begun to run around with other women, stays in the street all the time and pays no bills.

When I confront him with his behavior, he says he is out with the 'boys."

I love him very much and would like to save our marriage, but I'm sick and tired of the way he is acting.

A. J.

Dear A. J.:
I never fail to understand how young women let themselves be victimized by inconsiderate and usually unproductive young men.

If you are really interested in saving your marriage, you both will have to see the problems through together. You must decide whether this so-called love, insecurity and misery is worth the hassle. If the two of you can't work this out together, then you must decide to make other arrangements.

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Dear Jan:
I am 17 and would like to know just what went wrong between my friend and myself. We used to date regularly and talked daily. We never engaged in sex, but kissed and I was beginning to fall in love.

Then suddenly, he said he was looking for someone to love. I began to see him less and less, the phone calls stopped. When I asked for a reason, he simply said he lost interest.

Jan, I want him back and what could I do to get him back?

L

Dear L:
Nothing, and stop beating a dead horse. The guy says he lost interest. I suggest that you find someone who feels interested and that's that. Fine someone who is interested in YOU.

Dear Jan:
I am 35 and have been married for 15 years. I still don't understand my husband. We were married in the South and later moved North.

In 1975 his mother died, leaving five children to be taken care of. No one would take the children in, so I gave up all my work to care for them.

My husband was absolutely no help. He would get paid on Friday and come home two or three days later. Finally, I was able to get help from the welfare, but it wasn't enough so I went back to work.

Three of the children are grown now. My husband still is no help. I am practically supporting the entire family on my earnings. I am so mixed up I don't know where to turn.

Is there some way you can help me?

J

Dear J:
Unfortunately, there is not much you can do, except to revel in the knowledge that you have done your best. Some jobs are completely thankless - this is one of them.

Because you have dedicated yourself to the children, it is possible that your husband felt a wounded ego and thus turned against you. All too often, men feel a resentment over the treatment accorded to the children in a family.

Only thing I can tell you is to stick it out because although it may sound trite, virtue is truly your own reward.

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Dear Jan:
It took me a long time to make up my mind to write this letter.

For years (three) I've been wanting to talk with this guy and we finally got together and fell in love.

The problem is he has another woman and I know about her. She doesn't know about me. He says he is going through hell, but he hasn't done so as yet.

Jan, I am hurt because I love him. I think he will leave her, but at times, I think they will get back together. She has a child by him.

B. H.

Dear B. H.:
If you're considering marriage to the guy, forget it. If not, carry on. What it boils down to is that neither of you has strings attached, so you're free to date whom you like. Right? You can't have it both ways.

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Dear Jan:
I have been going with a married man for three years. I am 19. I find it hard to break away from him.

We have tried it so many times. I have a child by him, and he has another child by his wife. He says he wants them to grow up knowing one another.

He says he wants a divorce so he can marry me, that he doesn't want to lose me. He says he has no grounds for a divorce and would rather have me this way than not at all.

What can we possibly do?

E

Dear E:
Maybe he doesn't have grounds for a divorce, but his wife certainly has -and you would be the other woman in the case, too. Frankly, my dear, all this hogwash about wanting a divorce is one of the shabbiest and oldest tricks in a philanderer's book. I think you are being taken in.

It's not too late for you to get a hold on yourself. Break off this so-called romance and start trying to live a decent life.

The sooner the better.

GREAT Inventors

Many folks know that Thomas Edison invented the electric light bulb, but what they DON'T know is that it was a Black man who helped him refine it into the safe, economical tool it is today!

Edison's bulb couldn't stay on for long periods of time, it was costly to make, and dangerous to use. However, LEWIS LATIMER, a draftsman/inventor who had earlier made the patent drawings for the Telephone alongside Alexander Graham Bell, developed carbon filaments for Edison's bulbs, enabling them to stay on hundreds of hours longer, much safer to handle and inexpensive to produce!

Latimer then accepted a job offer from Edison, and worked with him on too many more projects for to tell you about here, so look him up next time you're at the Library. And let's make that soon!

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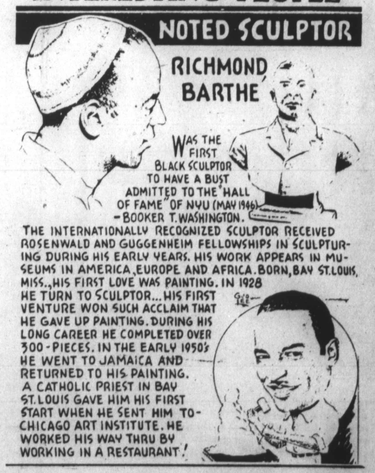
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